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SUBJECT: MORNING PRESS REPORT, THURSDAY, 5/12

NO. 22

NEW YORK TIMES

1. FLORA LEWIS FROM LONDON. HEADLINE: "VANCE PLEDGE TO  
ALLON ON MIDEAST SAID TO RESTORE ISRAELI CONFIDENCE"

FRONT PAGE WITH PICTURE OF VANCE AND ALLON

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE RENEWED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO A  
'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' WITH ISRAEL TODAY AND PROMISED THAT  
THE ISRAELIS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE ARMS THEY NEED,  
TOGETHER WITH 'ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.'"

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-- VANCE ALSO SAID US SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE MADE TO PARTIES  
INVOLVED AND WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION.

-- LEARNED AFTER THE LUNCH "ON HIGH AUTHORITY" THAT THERE

HAD BEEN "A RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE IN US POLICY IN  
ISRAELI EYES."

-- MAIN POINTS OF REASSURANCE TO ISRAEL WERE:  
-1- US PROMISE TO GIVE PARTIES CHANCE TO REACT TO ANY

PROPOSAL BEFORE MAKING PUBLIC

-2- NO US CONTACTS WITH PLO

-3- US TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ARMS TO ISRAEL ON A SPECIAL BASIS

-- VANCE SAID LATER ON PLANE HE HAD NO HARD EVIDENCE OF ANY SHIFT IN PLO ATTITUDE

-- FAHD STATEMENT APPEARED TO FALL SHORT OF US VIEW ALSO.

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS APPEARED IRRITATED OVER SOVIET REPORTS THAT DOBRYNIN HAD RELAYED TO VANCE A NEW PLO ATTITUDE ON ISRAEL. THIS WAS TAKEN AS A SOVIET EFFORT TO RECAPTURE A KEY ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PRESS FOR HURRIED RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONF.

-- MOST OF VANCE-ALLON MEETING SAID TO BE DEVOTED TO REPORT ON AMERICAN TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS.

-- ISRAELIS TOLD SOME NEW FLEXIBILITY ON DEFINITION OF PEACE, MORE FROM SADAT AND HUSSEIN THAN FROM ASSAD. NO BUDGING ON DEMANDS FOR FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

-- ALSO DIFFERENCE ON NATURE OF PALESTINIAN STATE AND PLO ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA AS SEPARATE OR UNIFIED DELEGATION.  
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2. CHARLES MOHR FROM MADRID. PAGE 7. HEADLINE: "VANCE FLIES TO SPAIN ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT"

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, WHILE FLYING TO SPAIN FOR A BRIEF VISIT, TODAY AVOIDED RAISING EXPECTATIONS THAT HIS TALKS NEXT WEEK WITH FORNMIN GROMYKO WOULD BRING A BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS LIMITATION OR EVEN RESULT IN A FRAMEWORK FOR PROGRESS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN PLANE PRESS CONF, VANCE SAID ALWAYS POSSIBLE COMMON GROUND COULD BE FOUND BUT WOULD NOT PREDICT IN ANY WAY THAT SETTLEMENT WOULD COME OUT.

-- VANCE HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS SINCE MOSCOW TRIP.

-- NEITHER MADRID NOR TEHRAN VISIT IS OF MAJOR DIPLOMATIC

IMPORTANCE, AND BOTH GROW OUT OF OBLIGATIONS INCURRED IN PAST.

-- IN SPAIN, VANCE ATTENDING FIRST MEETING OF US-SPANISH COUNCIL, CREATED LAST YEAR IN ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME RELATIVE ISOLATION OF SPAIN. VANCE ALSO EXPRESSING US SUPPORT FOR

EFFORTS TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO SPAIN.

-- TRIP TO IRAN WILL ALLOW VANCE TO MEET SHAH, BUT TIMING  
DICTATED BY MEETING OF VIRTUALLY DEFUNCT CENTO.

WASHINGTON POST

1. MICHAEL GETLER FROM LONDON. PAGE A18.

HEADLINE: "VANCE TELLS NATO OF TALKS WITH MOSCOW ON  
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CIVIL DEFENSE"

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TOLD NATO'S MINISTERS TODAY THAT  
THE US HAS RAISED THE LONG-DORMANT ISSUE OF CIVIL-  
DEFENSE PLANNING WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS, INFORMED SOURCES  
REPORT."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE REMARKS REPRESENTED ONE OF RARE TIMES IN MANY  
YEARS THAT SUBJECT OF CIVIL DEFENSE HAS DRAWN ANY COMMENT  
AT ALL AT FORNMIN LEVEL.

-- REMARKS REFLECT INTEREST IN SOVIET PLANNING AND WHETHER  
MEASURES CAN AFFECT BALANCE OF POWER, AND IF SO WHETHER AN  
AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED TO ELIMINATE A DESTABILIZING  
FACTOR.

-- LUNS TOLD REPORTERS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT  
VANCE WAS ONLY ONE TO SPEAK ON IT TODAY (ACCORDING TO  
INFORMED SOURCES) AND US AND GERMANY ONLY COUNTRIES WITH  
ANY INTEREST IN LOOKING AT CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAMS.

2. MICHAEL GETLER FROM LONDON. PAGE A19.

HEADLINE: "VANCE MOVES TO REASSURE ISRAELIS ON PEACE,  
ARMS"

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MOVED TODAY TO REASSURE ISRAEL ON  
THE US POSITION TOWARD THE TERMS OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON CONTINUING DELIVERIES OF AMERICAN  
ARMS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED NERVOUSNESS ABOUT US  
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INTENTIONS ON IMPOSITION OF SETTLEMENT AND ARMS TRANSFER  
POLICY.

-- "SOURCES CLOSE TO THE VANCE MISSION SUGGEST PRIVATELY  
THAT THE ISRAELI ANXIETIES ARE NOT ALTOGETHER MISPLACED  
AND THAT ISRAEL COULD BE IN FOR A MORE DIFFICULT TIME  
UNDER THE CARTER ADMIN."

-- CARTER, IN THIS VIEW, IS EAGER FOR A SETTLEMENT, WHICH  
IS LIKELY TO INVOLVED RETURN TO PRE-1967 BORDERS.

-- VANCE QUOTED ON SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- VANCE "REPORTEDLY" BRIEFED ALLON ON ASSAD TALKS, AND ON  
CARTER REMARKS ON PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.

-- VANCE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO PROPOSALS BY EITHER SIDE,  
AND THAT US IS STILL TRYING TO GET VIEWS OF PARTIES.

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RICHARD MEYER FROM MADRID

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MET TODAY WITH KING JUAN CARLOS AND  
OTHER TOP SPANISH OFFICIALS AND EXPRESSED "GREATEST  
ADMIRATION" FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO SPAIN  
AFTER 40 YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE MET BOTH WITH KING (1 HOUR) AND PREMIER SUAREZ.

-- US OFFICIALS SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ATTEND  
COUNCIL MEETING. ONE US OFFICIAL SAID "WE ARE PREPARING  
THEM FOR DAY THEY MAY WANT TO JOIN NATO...."

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-- THE OFFICIAL SAID HE THOUGHT SPAIN COULD HAVE NATO  
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ASKING IF DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS  
CONTINUES.

-- VANCE FLIES TO TEHRAN NEXT, WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO  
COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SALE OF 8 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

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JIM ANDERSON FROM MADRID

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MET WITH KING JUAN CARLOS AND  
PREMIER ADOLFO SUAREZ TODAY AND US OFFICIALS SAID THEY  
WERE "PLEASANTLY SURPRISED" BY THE PROGRESS SPAIN IS

MAKING TOWARD DEMOCRACY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- KING AND SECRETARY MET FOR AN HOUR, HALF OF TIME IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY A ONE HOUR VANCE/SUAREZ MEETING.

-- SECSTATE ALSO MET WITH COUNCIL "WHICH OVERSEES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES" BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR TEHRAN FOR CENTO MEETING.

-- VANCE MET WITH LEADERS TO DISCUSS PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND FILL THEM IN ON ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

-- US OFFICIAL SAID AFTER MEETING: "IT HAS BEEN A ROUGH TIME FOR SPAIN BUT IT APPEARS TO BE WORKING WELL, BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED. YOU COULD SAY WE ARE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED."

-- VANCE IN MADRID OSTENSIBLY FOR COUNCIL MEETING, WHICH DEALS WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANTLY VISIT GAVE VANCE, IN KEEPING WITH ADMIN'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY.

-- VANCE'S VISIT HAD FURTHER EFFECT OF ENHANCING STANDING OF SUAREZ, WHOSE COALITION IS EXPECTED TO COME OUT ON TOP IN ELECTIONS.

-- US CONTINUES TO HOPE, OFFICIALS SAID, THAT ELECTIONS WILL REMOVE OBJECTIONS OF SOME NORTHERN EUROPEAN GOVTS TO ENTRY INTO COMMON MARKET AND NATO.

ON MIDDLE EAST:

-- AFTER MEETING WITH ALLON VANCE SAW SOME SIGNS OF MOVEMENT.

-- ONE OF IDEAS PROPOSED IS FOR ISRAEL TO RECOGNIZE NEED FOR PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AT SAME TIME PLO RECOGNIZES

ISRAEL.

-- DMZ'S GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM MADRID

LEAD: "SPAIN AND THE US TODAY BEGAN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCIL SET UP UNDER A 1976 TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH EXTENDED AMERICA'S RIGHT TO USE FOUR MILITARY BASES IN THIS COUNTRY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- MEETING EXPECTED TO LEAD TO CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION  
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AND US DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID FIRST RESULT WOULD BE SETTING OF SPECIFIC DATE FOR CREATION OF COMBINED MILITARY STAFF.

-- SOURCES SAID ALSO POSSIBLE THAT LAUNCHING OF PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN EXPLORING SOLAR ENERGY COULD BE ANNOUNCED.

-- STATE DEPT SOURCES SAID US HAS BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY.

-- CONSULTATIONS WITH SPAIN PARALLEL THOS US HAS REGULARLY WITH NATO AND COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES.

-- MUCH OF CONSULTATIONS TO BE FOCUSED ON BRIEFING SPANISH MILITARY LEADERS ON NATO STRATEGIC POLICY.

CBS RADIO

WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP, THURSDAY MORNING

NEIL STRAWSER: WHILE THE PRESIDENT MEETS THE PRESS, HIS SECRETARY OF STATE IS STILL TRAVELLING, CYRUS VANCE SPENDING THIS DAY IN MADRID, OFFICIALLY TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE JOINT US-SPANISH COUNCIL, BUT BOB SIMON REPORTS AN ADDED DIMENSION.

SIMON: THE SPANISH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 15, AND ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS, IT IS SHEER COINCIDENCE THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ VISITED WASHINGTON TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT SECRETARY VANCE IS SEEING HIM IN MADRID TODAY, AND THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK. SUAREZ IS UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO BE SEEN AND IDENTIFIED

WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS. WASHINGTON HOLDS THE KEY TO EVENTUAL SPANISH ADMISSION INTO NATO AND THE CLUB OF WESTERN DEMOCRACIES FROM WHICH SPAIN WAS EXCLUDED UNDER  
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THE FRANCO REGIME.

VANCE IS HERE OFFICIALLY TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL, A BODY SET UP BY HENRY KISSINGER DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS MILITARY PLANNING. BUT VANCE IS MEETING PRIVATELY WITH SUAREZ THIS MORNING, AND HE DID NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN HE ARRIVED IN MADRID LAST NIGHT TO EXPRESS HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS SPAIN IS MAKING TOWARDS DEMOCRACY.

MONDALE WILL BE COMING OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE HE PLANNED TO VISIT PORTUGAL, AND SPAIN IS JUST NEXT DOOR.

COINCIDENCE, OR DIPLOMATIC OVERKILL, PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WAS SMILING BROADLY THIS MORNING, AND IT'S NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

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